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CHAPTER VII.

'Twas the day before Christmas, and Frayne was merry with the music of Christmas preparation. Ever since reveille the men had been busily at work, and while most of them were engaged in the decoration of their barracks, messrooms and the little chapel, Terry Burke, with a good sized squad, was still putting the finishing touches on the assembly hall. An odd thing had happened that morning. No one had ever known that fellow Graice to offer to do a stroke of work of any kind, especially where Burke had anything to do with the matter, yet here he came, right after reveille, to tell that very man that if it was all the same to him he'd take the place of Higgins, who had been put on guard, and would help at the assembly room.

"There's no whisky to be had there, Graice, if that's what you want, and ye look more'n like it. Answer me this, now. Where'd ye been whin ye came runnin in at 1 o'clock this mornin?"

"On a still hunt, corporal," answered Graice, with a leer. "It's to keep away from whisky this day I'm ready to work with you. I'm supernumerary of the guard."

"You were drinkin last night, and you've had yer eye opener and brain clodder this mornin, bad scran to ye. There's an internal revenue tax on the breath of ye that would make an excisеman jealous. But, God be good to us, av it's to kape mischief away from the garrison this day I'll go ye. G'wan now, but what, ye've no liquor about ye, Graice?"

"Devil a drop outside of my skin, corporal."

"Then kape out of reach of it and out of the way of the ladies, lest the sight of yer ugly mug would throw them into fits. G'wan," and Graice went. "Was it ye, ye black throated divil, that gave that sweet lady her fright last night?" he continued reflectively. "There's no provin it beyond the boot tracks, and they'd fit worse lookin feet than yours. It's the wan mark of the gentleman that's left to ye. Yes, sergeant, I'll kape me eye on him," he continued, in response to a suggestion from the senior noncommissioned officer of the troop, who came forth from the office at the moment. "The captain's not about that business of last night, and like as not there's the blackguard. Now, what on earth does he want to be playin Peepin Tom about the officers' quarters?"

"No good, of course, but we can prove nothing, as you say, except that he was out of quarters and wasn't at Burke Jim's after 11 o'clock. He was here and in bed when I inspected."

Very little was known about this episode. Mrs. Daunton had quickly revived under the ministration of Ellis and Mr. Ormsby, and, half laughing, half crying, had declared that just as she reached the window the blind swung slowly back and the moonlight fell full on the head and shoulders of a man with a fur cap, black beard and soldier's overcoat. She could describe no other features. He saw her at the same instant. Each recoiled, but in her excited, nervous state it was too much of a shock. Ellis, who at first had been prone to attribute Helen's prostration to the interview with Ormsby, recalled the prowler she herself had seen and could not but corroborate Mrs. Daunton's story. Jack had rushed out, only to find boot tracks in the snow and an unfastened blind, but no other sign of a man. Mrs. Farrar was kept in total ignorance of the affair, and only Leale and Will at first were taken into the secret, though the captain at once went to consult his trusty noncommissioned officers. All the same, though Helen laughed at her weakness when morning came, she and Ellis, parting for the night with but few words and each feeling conscious of the gulf between them, passed a restless and disquieting night.

Just what mischief that fellow Graice was meditating puzzled not a little the honest pate of Terry Burke. For a time the man worked busily, silently, lugging bundles of greens into the hall and bare, stripped branches out. Once or twice, in answer to chaffing remarks of the other men, he had retaliated. Once again, colliding with Crow Knife at the door, he had muttered an angry curse and bade the redskin keep out of his way unless he coveted trouble. The Indian's eyes flashed vengefully, but he spoke no word.

It was just after guard mounting that Graice had offered his services, when, as supernumerary, he really did not have to work at all and was not properly detailable for any such fatigue duty. By 10 o'clock, however, it was apparent to more than one present that he was drinking more liquor and had it concealed probably somewhere about the premises or in his overcoat. Burke warned him and got a sullen reply. Not a minute after, although strict orders had been given against smoking, because of the flimsy nature of the structure and the large quantity of inflammable material scattered about, he precipitated an excitement. Right in the entrance of the hall a big square box had just been placed by two of the men, and Crow Knife was carefully removing the lid, when Graice, lurching in from the dressing room with a bundle of greens, stumbled against the edge of the case, and, dropping his burden with a savage curse, he drew back his heavily booted foot as though to let drive a furious kick.

Instantly the Indian interposed. "Don't kick!" he said. "Hold your hoof there!" shouted Burke, and others of the men joined in their cry of warning. Wonderingly he looked about him on the quickly gathered group, swaying a bit unsteadily even now.

"Why not?" he scowlingly, sullenly, thickly asked. "What harm's there kicking a rattlebox that's almost broken my shin? What's the matter with you fellows, anyhow?"

"It isn't the box, ye gumroll, it's what's inside of it! That's Colonel Farrar's picture! God's praise to him for the finest soldier that iver rode at the head of the Twelfth."

"That Colonel Farrar's picture!" muttered the man in a strange, half awed, half defiant manner. "Well, I swear, that's—that's queer." And then, in some odd, nervous abstraction, he whipped out a cigar, and the next thing they knew, had lighted it at the stove and tossed the flaming paper among the sweepings on the floor. Instantly there was a rush, a scrambling of feet and just as Burke, wrathfully and collaring the stupefied man Lieutenant Farrar burst in upon the scene, stamping out the few remaining sparks, and then turning angrily upon the group.

"Who dropped that fire? Who, I say?" he repeated, for, in soldier silence, the men had stood at attention, but, true to soldier ethics, would tell no tales. "Don't let that happen again, corporal," he went on sternly. "You know well enough what a fire would mean: breechbolts, with the cannon powder stored in the tower yonder. Remember the orders—the guardhouse for the first man fooling with fire. Go on with your work." And then, as the men turned silently away and Terry stood there, looking abashed and trembled at the implied rebuke, Will sought to soften the effect. "Why, you're doing great work here, corporal. The old place is wearing Christmas dress and no mistake."

"It is, Masther Will," said Burke delightedly.

"Masther Will!" repeated Farrar indignantly. "On my soul, Burke, you"—

"I beg the lieutenant's pardon," said Terry, all contrition and soldierly respect. "But I've known him such a few weeks as lieutenant and so many and many a long year as Masther Will"—

"That'll do, corporal. Have the picture in its place as soon as you can. Mother will be over here to look at it."

"Yes, Miss—yes, sorr."

And again, as Will turned angrily to rebuke the poor fellow, there was a gathering of the men at the window, looking out upon the parade, and something was said about a lady slipping on the ice, which carried Will away like a shot. Two strides took him to the door, and one glance sent him rushing to the rescue. It was Miss Ormsby.

And then, while some of the men went on with their work, others seemed to hang about Graice, who was oddly fascinated by the lex and cast furtive glances at it, while Crow Knife, under Burke's direction, was quietly unpacking it. Again had Graice wandered unsteadily over by the stove and stood there, sullenly kicking at it until one of the men bade him quit or he'd start a fire in spite of them. "You'll have us all in blaze before our time," were the soldier's words.

"Not I. Fire's my friend," answered Graice in a surly tone.

"And likely to give ye a long and warm welcome if ye carry to purgatory the spirit ye so sweetly manifest here. How yer friend?" retorted Burke.

"I mean it saved my life a year ago in Mexico. I saw a girl once too often for her lover's good—hot headed cur! He would have it and got it—in the heart—and I got in quod, and our consul could not help me. I am not the kind of citizen the United States hinders a foreign government from sending to kingdom come, and I was mighty nigh getting there."

"And ye didn't," said Terry, highly interested. "The dishpensations of hiven are past findin out."

"Fire's stood my friend, I say. I had my pipe—greasers ain't the d——d manufactors you have here—and a spark went into the straw. It blazed in an instant. There was *he*—I to pay, with the guard and greasers and prisoners running every which way. The prison had a little tower, like that, yonder," said he, pointing to the wooden structure above the old guardhouse. "I saw my chance in the confusion and ran for it. It was stone and never took fire, and I got safely away at night and vamoosed the country and read afterward how the flames had devoured the ruffianly murderer Roy"—and here he caught himself, with sudden gulp, seeing Burke's suspicious eyes on him."

"Eh, Graice? Roy, ye were sayin'."

"Murderer, roisterer and rascal, Tom Graice," he went on. "So I've nothing to fear from fire."

Burke eyed him long and distrustfully, granting audible comment on the story, to which some of the men had listened in absorbed interest, while others were busily removing the picture and setting it in place upon the wall. Then, as it was fairly hung, Crow Knife stepped back across the room, his eyes reverently fixed upon the fine, soldierly face. Graice, meantime, after a horried glance about him, had drawn a flask from his vest pocket and had lifted it to his lips, when Burke grabbed it.

"I thought so, ye mad brained gabbler! Ye'll be drunk before the day's half over. Get up and look at the picture, man. It's lookin at ye straight and stern."

"Who—who's looking at me? What d——d rot are you talking?" shuddered Graice.

"The colonel is, and as if he didn't relish the sight. Small blame to him."

"It's a saying of my people," said Crow in his slow, solemn tone, "Whom the eyes of the dead call must rise and follow."

"You croaking"— hissed Graice, leaping to his feet and rushing at the Indian, but Burke threw himself between them.

"Play wid fire when ye may, man, but niver wid a tame tiger. Hush, now. Go out this door and cool that crazy head of yers. Here come the ladies."

Instantly the excited group scattered, the men resuming their work as though at no time thought of crime or quarrel had entered there, but Burke's heart was thumping hard as he went to his station. First to enter were Captain Leale and Mrs. Daunton, though the blithe voices and cheery laughter of the others could be heard without. Evidently there was fun at Kitty's expense, and Leale had seized the opportunity to draw Helen to one side. They were talking earnestly as they entered.

"It seems providential that Will's first station should bring his mother back to the old home. Here and now at least she should be safe from all shock, especially with your care to guard her, Mrs. Daunton. She said to me only yesterday: 'Helen came to me only a little over a year ago, but I think I have needed her for years. She is dear to me, almost as my own daughter.'"

"God bless her for those words," said Helen, deeply moved. "I came to her as a dependent, but she has taught me a new definition of motherhood."

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"I thought so, ye mad brained gabbler! Ye'll be drunk before the day's half over. Get up and look at the picture, man. It's lookin at ye straight and stern."

"Who—who's looking at me? What d——d rot are you talking?" shuddered Graice.

"The colonel is, and as if he didn't relish the sight. Small blame to him."

"It's a saying of my people," said Crow in his slow, solemn tone, "Whom the eyes of the dead call must rise and follow."

"You croaking"— hissed Graice, leaping to his feet and rushing at the Indian, but Burke threw himself between them.

"Play wid fire when ye may, man, but niver wid a tame tiger. Hush, now. Go out this door and cool that crazy head of yers. Here come the ladies."

Instantly the excited group scattered, the men resuming their work as though at no time thought of crime or quarrel had entered there, but Burke's heart was thumping hard as he went to his station. First to enter were Captain Leale and Mrs. Daunton, though the blithe voices and cheery laughter of the others could be heard without. Evidently there was fun at Kitty's expense, and Leale had seized the opportunity to draw Helen to one side. They were talking earnestly as they entered.

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change the subject, "how cosy and warm and Christmasy it looks and smells! I shall have another new definition—what Christmas means. We learn many definitions, do we not, as life goes on, and sometimes fate is good to us and lets us learn the happiest last."

"And you have learned a sad one of Christmas?"

"I? A very sad one. My own baby died in my arms on Christmas eve."

Leale bent earnestly toward the sad, sweet face, a deep emotion in his own, but at the moment Ellis entered, followed closely by Ormsby. She bowed in evident constraint at sight of the couple already there and looked as though she would gladly have turned about again. After her came Will and Kitty and other young people of the post, all eager and intent on inspecting the preparations being made, all full of compliments to Burke for the success attending his labors, all full of admiration of the portrait, which they grouped about and admired, while Ellis hung her father's saber underneath. And then once again the whole party, chatting merrily, went drifting out into the crisp air and glorious sunshine, leaving, glowering after them from the doorway of the little room that opened off the main hall, the ill favored, ill liked soldier Graice.

Two minutes later, and no one could explain how it started or what was its exciting cause, with hardly a spoken word or premonitory symptom, two men were clinched in furious struggle—one, heavy, burly, powerful and gifted with almost demoniac strength, had hurled the other down. That other, lithe, sinewy, pantherlike in every motion, writhed from underneath his huge antagonist and had sprung to his feet, while the first, more slowly, heaved himself upward, and then, like a maddened bull, dashed at his foe.

Springing lightly to one side, Crow Knife, for it was he, whipped from its sheath a glittering blade and poised it high in air, and Graice, even in his blind fury, saw and hesitated. There was a rush of the workmen to the spot, but Captain Leale was first of all. Clear and cold and sterh his voice was heard.

"Drop that knife! Drop that knife, I say!" and slowly, reluctantly, though his eyes were blazing with hate and rage, the Indian turned toward the man he had learned to trust, to honor and to obey, and the knife fell clattering to the floor. Graice made a lunge as though to grab it, and Burke's ready foot tripped and felled him. Then, with both hands, the Irishman grabbed him by the collar and dragged him, dazed and scowling, to his feet.

"There are ladies coming, sar," was the warning of one of the men.

"Take that man out and cool him off," said Leale, still calmly, to the corporal. "I'll hear the story later. Quiet now, one and all," he added, as the group dispersed. "It is Mrs. Farrar."

They met at the very doorway, the fair, radiant woman, closely followed by her daughter, the dazed, hulking soldier, led or rather driven forth by Corporal Burke, and instantly a change, swift and fearsome, shot across the sweet, pathetic face. One glance was all, and then, pale as death, she tottered feebly forward. Ellis sprang to her side in sudden alarm. "Mother, dearest, what is wrong? How you trimble!"

For a moment she could not speak. "It is folly; it is weakness!" she faltered. "But that face—that dreadful face! The look in those eyes—the awful glitter that only liquor kindles. I have not seen that look since—oh, whenever I see it I say, God pity, pity his mother."

And then Helen Daunton came hastily in and helped to lead the agitated woman to a seat, and there she knelt beside her and soothed and comforted and cooed to her as women croon over a tired child, and Leale hovered helpfully about, grave, strong and gentle, and it was on his arm she leaned, with Helen at her side, when finally she stood to look at her husband's portrait. And little by little she grew calm and the fluttering at her heart ceased to distress her, and Ellis, turning reluctantly away at the bidding of her garrison friends, left her mother to the ministrations of the woman whom with every hour, more and more, she learned to look upon as a rival, and then, saying that he would call for them in a few minutes

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with his sleigh, believing that a short drive in the exhilarating air would be of benefit, Leale, too, left them, and Mrs. Farrar and Helen Daunton were practically alone. Mess call sounding cheerily had called the men to their noonday meal.

The eyes of the elder woman had followed the tall, soldierly form of Leale as he left the room, and then, tenderly, questioningly, almost entreatingly turned upon Helen.

"I love him almost as I do my own son, Helen. My husband died in his arms. Surely you must realize that his great heart has belonged to you ever since he first set eyes on your bonny face."

Mrs Daunton almost started to her feet.

"Oh, not that! Surely not that! He is my good, true friend," she cried.

"Not the less your friend because all your lover, Helen."

"Oh, never my lover! I have no right—I am not free!"

"Listen to me, Helen," pleaded her friend. "Shall one mistake, blight a lifetime? I know your short marriage experience was a cruel one."

"It was—heaven knows it was," assented Helen, shuddering.

"Then do not make youth's mistake, dear," continued Mrs. Farrar, "and think the story ended because one chapter is closed. I thought my story ended when they brought me home my dead soldier. I've prayed many a time my story might end in the years my first-born was an outcast. Helen, I have hardly spoken to you of my eldest boy, but I can tell you now that, standing here tonight, I realize how out of sorrow peace has come to me. Death, which took away my husband, gave me back my son."

"Death!" cried Helen. "Royle Farrar is not—dead!"

"Helen, how strangely you speak. He has been dead a year, though only recently did they give me all the cruel facts. Major Wayne learned them from the consul in Mexico."

In uncontrollable agitation Helen Daunton had turned away. "Royle Farrar dead!" she gasped. "Then I—oh,

The tears were blinding Mrs. Farrar, and for a moment she saw nothing of Helen's agitation. The bells of Leale's sleigh came trilling merrily up the road without. Hastily she dashed away the pearly drops and, smiling fondly, drew her shrinking friend to her embrace. "Helen, dear, there is a new look in your face," she whispered.

"It is because I rejoice in my soul that your heart is at rest. It is because it is Christmas—Christmas, the time of burdens dropped, of old sorrows healed, of new births and sweet beginnings. Dear, the Christmas chimes are pealing in my heart. It is the first real Christmas I have known in years." And so, her arms twining about her friend, she led her forth into the radiant day, with all its sunshine beaming in her face. One minute only had they gone when, crouching from the dressing room at one side, his face bloated and distorted, the soldier Graice sped swiftly across the floor and stopped to peek through the eastern window. Suddenly back he sprung and stood swaying at the door of the anteroom as Helen Daunton hurriedly returned. Coming from the dazzling glare of the sun without into the dimly lighted room, she almost collided with the hulking figure before seeing it at all.

"Mrs. Farrar has left her cloak," she faltered. "Will you kindly move from the way?"

"You thought I had moved from your way," was the thick, husky answer, "but you're mistaken, my dear."

Back she started as though stung, an awful terror in her staring eyes, her blanching face.

"You—Royle Farrar—and here!" she gasped. "You—Royle Farrar! Oh, my gracious God!"

CHAPTER VIII.

Alarmed at Mrs. Daunton's failure to rejoin them, Leale had tossed the reins to his orderly, and, leaving Mrs. Farrar seated in the sleigh, hurried into the building in search of her. It was a prostrate, senseless form he found, close to the inner door, and only after a deal of trouble did she revive. Greatly alarmed, Mrs. Farrar had caused her to be driven straight home, and there the doctor came and Ellis and ministering angels without stint and questioners without number, but meantime Leale, with wrathful face, had gone to his troop quarters and summoned his first sergeant. Graice had not been with the men at dinner, was *that worthy's* report. He was at the post exchange eating sandwiches and drinking beer at that moment, and Leale sent for him.

Something had tended to sober the man, for he came into the captain's presence, looking sullen, but self possessed. "I wanted you after that affray with Crow Knife," said Leale, "that you were to keep out of temptation and mischief until you were sober enough to understand what I had to say to you. Where were you between dinner call and 12:30?"

"Walking off my heat, sir, as the captain directed."

Leale stood closely scanning the swollen face of the soldier.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR ADDITIONAL LAW JUDGE,
THOMAS A. MORRISON,
of Smethport.

FOR CORONER,
E. E. SHERMAN,
of Bradford.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
WALTER OSTRANDER,
of Liberty Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TO THE PUBLIC.—You are authorized to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Additional Law Judge of the 55th Judicial District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

EUGENE B. MULLIN.

Bradford, Pa., March 29, 1897.

HON. C. W. STONE will please accept the thanks of the MINER for favors extended.

THE Democrats of McKean county will hold their convention Tuesday, July 20th. Primaries will be held on the Saturday previous, July 17th.

THE return of Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Minister to England, bringing with him the log of the Mayflower, reminds us of the boy who had been playing truant and to palliate his offense brought into the house on his return home an armful of wood, much to his mother's surprise. Bringing the log of the Mayflower may in a measure cause the American people to overlook Bayard's fondness to English aristocracy.

THE Pratt's hold their convention on Millard last Wednesday. There being no member of the bar in either McKean or Potter county of the sufficiently fluent pure article, Hon. H. D. Amen of Williamsport was nominated as a candidate for additional law judge. This is treating J. M. Oviatt of Eldred unfairly. He was their candidate for assembly last fall, and in all justness they should have given him the nomination. F. M. Love received the nomination for jury commissioner. E. E. Kane of Keshequa was elected county chairman. When Mr. Amen is elected judge, McKean county's population will be increased.

WHILE in Tioga county last week the MINER man met a great many of the business men and farmers, who spoke in the highest terms of Judge T. A. Morrison, who held two weeks court at Wellsboro recently. His promptness in the dispatch of judicial business that came before him was highly appreciated by the people of that county. All with whom we conversed were loud in their praises of Judge Morrison, and they said this was the universal opinion all over the county. This was very pleasing news to us, coming from an adjoining judicial district. The MINER takes pleasure in presenting this fact before its many readers to show the high esteem in which Judge Morrison is held in other counties.

IT is to be hoped that the first Sunday in June will hereafter be chosen as the day to pay proper respect to those who gave up their all that our nation might be perpetuated. Over thirty two years have elapsed since those brave men laid down the arms of war and took up the instruments of peace. They are fast approaching the time when the Great Commander will summon them to the final roll call, and Sunday is a more fitting day to pay our sincere and heartfelt tribute of love and respect to those who voluntarily gave their lives to a noble cause. A day when all business cares are set aside is the proper day to consecrate anew our love and affection for those brave men. It will not be many years before their memory and their noble deeds will be all that is left to remind us of their sacrifices. Let us then observe a day made sacred by the giver of all good in commemoration of our noble dead.

THE MINER wishes to call the attention of our Representatives, Hons. H. H. North and M. A. Dempsey to the present fence law, as passed in 1889, and the stray law, act of April 13, 1897. When the fence law of 1700 was repealed by the passage of the act of 1889, doing away with fences only as far as the fencing of enclosures as pastures for horses, cattle and hogs, the stray law was not altered to conform with the act of 1889. The stray law reads as follows: "If any person shall discover upon his, her or their improved and INCLOSED lands, any stray cattle, horses or sheep, it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons to take up the same," etc., etc. Now here is where the difficulty arises—the words "improved" and "enclosed." The stray law should be amended, striking out the word "enclosed," as that is in direct conflict with the fence law of 1889 and leaves a person who finds estrays upon his premises without any redress. It is to be hoped that the stray law may be so amended, and it will save a great deal of expense and litigation.

CROP REPORT

Speculators have enjoyed an advance in wheat, corn, cotton and some other products, though obliged to sell wool and sugar at low figures in order to realize. Stocks have advanced 7 cts. per $100 and trust stocks lost 28 cts., without enough demand to constitute a market. Imports of merchandise, $26,288,869 for the week at New York alone, are 94 per cent. larger than a year ago, making the increase 47 per cent. for the past six weeks, and have affected the exchange markets and helped further shipments of gold, which amount for the week to $2,750,000, but are practically balanced by receipts from the interior, and cause no serious apprehension of financial disturbance. Men feel that present conditions are only temporary, although they tend to prevent immediate improvement in general trade and hinder immediate investments.

The government crop reports estimate winter acreage at 5 per cent. less than last year, and is considered encouraging because so slight a decrease from the floods may easily be made up. Prices have advanced an eighth on Liverpool speculation, with nothing here to warrant the rise. The winter wheat report, which is supposed to indicate a yield of 267,000,000 bushels, is contrasted with State reports much better or much worse, but is discounted mainly because all department estimates of acreage for years have been wildly erroneous. Western receipts continue larger than last year, 2,100,000 bushels against 1,570,267 a year ago, and Atlantic exports also increase for two weeks of May amounting to 4,388,000 bushels, flour included, against 2,668,435 last year. Exports of corn exceed large, 6,348,000 bushels for two weeks against 3,804,181 last year, and the rate is past amount for the smaller demand for wheat.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 17, 1897.—President McKinley's policy of protecting American citizens in Cuba goes a great deal further than protecting them in their political rights, as he has fully made known to Congress. It includes in protecting them from the starvation that is staring so many of them in the face, as a result of the policy of Gen. Weyler in cooping them up in the cities and towns of Cuba where there is no opportunity for those who are dependent upon their labor for a living for themselves and families to obtain employment. President McKinley has asked Congress to appropriate money to furnish food, clothing and medicine for these suffering Americans, and Congress will promptly do it, and the relief will be distributed by U. S. officials. The Spanish minister wanted to have the distribution made by Spanish officials, but he was promptly informed that it could not be done; that as long as Spain had by its policy caused these people, American citizens and non-combatants, to be deprived of the work by which they lived, it should have seen that they were in some other way provided for; that having failed to do its duty the U. S. would relieve its own citizens, either by birth or naturalization, without help or hindrance from Spain. That is as far as the matter has gone, but there is little doubt that the sending of relief to Cuba for suffering Americans by this government is the first step toward intervention, either peaceably or by force, to put an end to the barbarous condition of affairs on the island. It will follow as a natural sequence. If present conditions were allowed to continue the U. S. government would have to establish permanent relief depots in every town on the island. The first duty will be to clothe the naked Americans, feed the hungry and see that the sick get proper nursing and medicine; then the conditions that brought about the suffering will have to be changed. There will be no occasion for trouble, unless Spain makes it. If she does, so much the worse for Spain.

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, who has been acting as private secretary to Secretary Gage, since he entered the cabinet, and who has been nominated to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is one of the youngest men who ever filled this important position, but his ability to properly perform its duties is unquestioned. Although Mr. Vanderlip is only 32 years old, he has had an extended financial experience having been for eight years financial editor of the Chicago Tribune, and ever since his school boy days has been a close student of finance and political economy.

From a Republican point of view Florida neither gains nor loses to any marked extent by sending ex Representative Stephen R. Mallory to the Senate in place of Mr. Call, whose term expired with the last Congress. Although Mr. Call served three terms in the Senate, he was more widely known because of the little episode connected with his wearing fancy socks and taking off his shoes while the Senate was in session, than for any statesmanship displayed during his eighteen years service.

The tariff debate will not begin until next week, although Senator Aldrich will, on Thursday of this week, call the bill up for the purpose of making a statement covering the views of the Republicans of the finance committee, on the amendments. No agreement has been reached as to the length of time the bill will be debated by the Senate, but the talk of individual Senators of all parties indicates that the debate is likely to be much shorter than it was several weeks ago supposed that it would be. Republicans of the House take no stock in the story that the tactics by which the Senate compelled the House to accept its amendments to the Wilson bill are to be again brought to bear, and many of them do not hesitate to say that if the attempt is made it will fail. My own impression is that the House would remain in session until the opening of the regular session, next December, before it would accept all of the Senate amendments.

Even as staunch an advocate of the civil service law as Senator Lodge said at the last meeting of the Senate committee that is investigating that subject that he considered it absurd to have placed stablemen, charwomen, farm carriers, watchmen and other unskilled laborers in the government printing office in the classified service. Public Printer Palmer appeared in person before the committee and emphasized his previously written opinion that the civil service rules, as they stand at this time are an obstruction rather than an aid to economy and efficiency in the government printing office, and added reasons for his belief that he should have more say in appointing the employes of that establishment.

AMERICANS IN CUBA.

On Monday President Wm. McKinley sent the following message to Congress, which will meet the hearty approval of every patriotic American citizen:

TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES:

Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island is in a state of destitution suffering for want of food and medicines. This applies particularly to the central and eastern parts.

The agricultural classes have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns where they are without work or money.

The local authorities of the several towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needy of their own people are altogether powerless to help our citizens.

The latest report of Consul General Lee estimates 600 to 800 are without means of support. I have assured him that provision would be made at once to relieve them. To that end I recommend that Congress make an appropriation of not less than $50,000, to be immediately available for use under the direction of the Secretary of State.

It is desirable that a part of the sum which may be appropriated by Congress should, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, be used for the transportation of American citizens who, desiring to return to the United States, are without means to go so.

(Signed) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, May 17, 1897.

A promin nt western newspaper recommends flax seed tea as an excellent remedy for whooping cough. It may be good but it is not to be compared with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation will allay the violent fits of coughing and make them less frequent and less severe. It also liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate. Complete recovery is much quicker, too, when this remedy is given. There is no danger in giving it to small children, as it is a pleasant syrup and contains nothing injurious. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

J. C. Gallup has contracted with the Johnston Harvesting Machinery Co., of Batavia, N. Y., and will sell their line of harvesting machinery for 1897, in this section. Do not purchase until you see their up-to-date machines.

"They are dandies," said Thos. Bowers of the Crocket, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Why not? Use one minute Kough Kure. 25c bottles 15c, Early Risers. 10c&25c.

A THOUGHT THAT KILLED A MAN!

He thought that [illegible] with disease [illegible] down in health [illegible] worn out, [illegible] dizziness, biliousness, backaches and headaches. His liver and kidneys were out of order. He thought to get well by dosing himself with cheap remedies. And then came the ending. He fell a victim to Bright's disease! The money he ought to have invested in a safe, reliable remedy went for a tombstone.

Warner's Safe Cure

is the only standard remedy in the world for kidney and liver complaints. It is the only remedy which physicians universally prescribe. It is the only remedy that is backed by the testimony of thousands whom it has relieved and cured.

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN TAKE ITS PLACE

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1897,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all the following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the borough of Kane, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, being part of Warrant No. 2210 and being lot No. 32 on Bayard street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the south side of said street fifty (50) feet east of the northeast corner of land of Chauncey E. Hunt; thence by the said south side of Bayard street (S8 feet from the center thereof) north seventy degrees east fifty (50) feet; thence at right angles thereto south twenty degrees east two hundred (200) feet; thence parallel to said Bayard street, by the south side of an alley ten (10) feet wide, south seventy degrees west fifty (50) feet; thence at right angles thereto north twenty degrees west two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning. Containing ten thousand (10,000) square feet more or less. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling houses, one small board barn and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Michael Curtin at the suit of P. W. McHale.

Shaffer & Shaffer, plaintiff's attorneys.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in the city of Bradford, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the west line of Maplewood Ave. distant northerly two hundred and sixty (260) feet from an iron pot in the northwest corner of Maplewood Ave and Kane streets; thence westerly one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a point; thence northerly thirty (30) feet to a point; thence easterly one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a point in the west line of Maplewood Ave.; thence southerly thirty (30) feet to the place of beginning, known as lot No. 8 of Maplewood addition to Bradford as mapped, surveyed and plotted by F. M. Webster, Surveyor, 1890, said map being recorded in Recorder's office at Smethport, Penna., in Deed Book Vol. 52, page 342, etc., on the 22nd day of July, 1890, and being the same land decided to Neal Carmichael by Georgia Y. Corners and husband by deed dated November 2nd, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county, April 8th, 1892, in Deed Book Vol. 67 at page 47, etc. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Neil Carmichael at the suit of Mrs. P. H. Duncan, use of A. C. McNish.

H. Sullivan, plaintiff's attorney.

3.

Defendant's interest in all that trace of land situate in the borough of Kane, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant number 2210, being 101 Nos. 88, Bayard street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the north line of Bayard street 150 feet from the center thereof and one hundred feet eastward of the northeast corner of Bayard and Harker streets; thence by lot No. 88 north twenty degrees west ninety-five (95) feet; thence by lot No. 122 and being the northeast corner of conveyed land aforesaid; thence south twenty-eight and four-tenths (28.4) rods more or less to a post opposite the north line of Pleasant street in the city of Bradford; thence west twenty-seven (27) rods more or less to a post in the center of the road (thence N. 20½ degrees west thirty-one and five-tenths (31.5) rods more or less to the place of beginning. Containing six and one-tenth (6.1) acres, be the same more or less, and being part of lot No. 220 on Warrant 2210 in the township of Bradford, county and state aforesaid, and a part of land conveyed to B. Dykeman and deeded by E. Dykeman and wife to Amos Edson the 11th day of November, A. D. 1870, and deeded by Nathaniel Edson and Annie Edson, his wife, to B. E. Cutler, by deed dated the 24th day of August, A. D. 1878, and deeded by B. E. Cutler and his wife, Lucy J. Cutler, to Loyal Ward, trustee of Nathaniel Edson and Annie Edson, by deed dated June 14th, A. D. 1886, and deeded by Loyal Ward, trustee, to L. L. Simons by deed dated November 2nd, 1893, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county, February 28th, 1894, in Deed Book Vol. 9, page 61, etc. Excepting and reserving from the above, however, one lot situate in the northeast corner of above described land, having a frontage on Bennett Brook street of fifty (50) feet and extending west one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet. Improved and having thereon one one story frame dwelling house with ell attached, one board barn, one orchard of about 30 trees, one water well and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of L. L. Simons, now intermarried with Geo. W. Kelly, at the suit of Loyal Ward, trustee.

Wolf & George, plaintiff's attorneys

4.

Defendant's interest in all that certain leasehold situate, lying and being in the township of Bradford (now Foster), county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania on lands of Kate Lynch and deeded, leased and let unto W. H. Snow and company by the said Kate Lynch by written indenture of lease bearing date the 22nd day of July, 1878, for the term of twenty-one (21) years for oil and mineral purposes, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Penna., in Misc. Record book G, page 324, &c., which lease by mesne assignments, duly recorded, has been assigned and transferred unto the said J. C. Looker, said lease being bounded and described as follows: All of Kate Lynch tract of the Turtle Creek tract containing [illegible] acres more or less, [illegible] across the said tract, with the [illegible] that if her said grantee shall commence to operate [illegible] shall operate it during the period of the [illegible] Containing thirty-five acres more or less, together with the following personal buildings, fixtures and machinery thereon and appurtenances belonging, to-wit: Four oil derricks, carpenter rigs complete, one boiler, all tools, tubing, sailing, steam, casing, water lines, tankage, &c., together with all and singular the said leasehold estate term of years yet to come, rights of way liberties, privileges and appurtenances, whatever, thereunto belonging, granted and secured by the aforesaid lease for said lot of ground and the buildings, fixtures and machinery above mentioned.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. C. Looker, at the suit of Henry Hamlin.

John Forrest, plaintiff's attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or lot of ground situate in the city of Bradford county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of lot No. [illegible] now owned by Albert D. Holley; thence easterly along the south line of Foreman street twenty-five (25) feet; thence southerly along a line parallel to the east line of Davis street one hundred (100) feet; thence westerly along a line parallel to the south line of Foreman street twenty-five (25) feet; thence northerly along a line parallel to the east line of Davis street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning. Being lot No. [illegible] according to map or plot in the office of the city engineer. Improved and having thereon one one story frame cottage and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Tracy Rider at the suit of the City of Bradford.

F. P. Schoonmaker, plaintiff's attorney.

10.

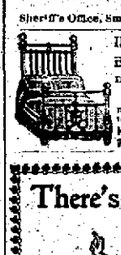
Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at an iron post on the south side of State street two hundred and thirty-nine (239) feet more or less from the west corner of State street and the northwest corner of lot deeded to Edward Derpuishon and Ethel L. McQuiston, his wife; thence south one hundred (100) feet; thence west twenty-five (25) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet to State street; thence east along state street twenty-five (25) feet to the place of beginning. Containing twenty-five hundred (2500) square feet of land, and being part of the land conveyed to Augustus W. Newell by Daniel Kingsbury and wife by deed dated December 8th, A. D. 1866 and recorded in Recorder's office in said county of McKean. Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, woods ways, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and a small barn or out-house.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Isaacy D. Fate at the suit of William Harris

W. J. Mishkon, plaintiff's attorney.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport Pa., May 19, 1897.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 1897, by William Bisknell, H. W. Webb, C. D. Comer, John F. Bonney and Daniel Bacon, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of natural gas companies," approved the 29th day of May, A. D. 1885, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called the Wolford Gas Company, the character and object whereof is the producing, dealing in, transporting, storing and supplying natural gas in the townships of Annin, Liberty, Eldred, Norwich and Keating and the borough of Smethport, in the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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Marshal and Aides.
Smethport Band.
McKean Post, No. 347, G. A. R., M. Choate, Commander.
President and Orator of the Day.
Civic Societies.
Smethport Fire Department.

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EXERCISES.

AT CEMETERY—Prayer, Chaplain. T. A. Morrison. Dirge, Smethport Band. Address, Commander, H. M. Choate. Strewing of Flowers by Comrades.

AT COURT HOUSE—Music, Smethport Band. Prayer, Rev. J. W. Sanborn. Public Exercises by the Post. Music, Smethport Glee Club. Introductory Address, By the President. Oration, by Hon. H. E. Shaffer. Music, Smethport Glee Club. America, By the Audience. Benediction.

OFFICERS.

President of the Day, F. R. MAYO.
Orator, HON. H. E. SHAFFER.
Marshal, J. M. MCELROY.

AIDES.

Dr. Burg Chadwick	Al. Peirce, Jr.	Dr. H. L. McCoy	Geo. W. Mitchell
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Jas. McIntyre	Orlo Hamlin	Paul Hamlin	H. W. Rubin
Sandford Fry	Foster Studholme	E. T. Daly	Dr. Bob't Hamilton

COMMITTEES.

Arrangements—B. F. Wright, E. E. Mayo, T. A. Morrison.
Reception—J. Colegrove, J. M. McElroy.
Invitation—H. M. Choate, J. Porter Howard.
Music—H. L. Burlingame, A. B. Peirce.
Flowers—W. R. C., No. 23, G. W. King, J. C. Cunningham.
Cemeteries—Rose Hill, S. G. Bush, Wm. Grigsby; Colegrove, W. H. Rife; Farmers Valley, Jas. Howard, J. Henderson; Frisbee, Asa Champlin, Wm. Cawley; Smiths, Wm. Brackburn, W. H. Curtis; Bush Hill, Orin Brink, M. O'Reilly; Aldrich, near Kasson, J. M. Robinson, B. T. Sawyer.

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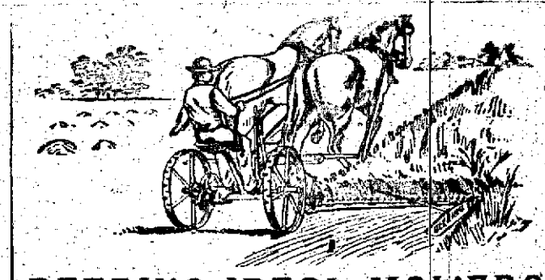

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Will we celebrate? You bet.

—Bradford rices June 29, 30, July 1, 2.

—Mercury dropped to 30½ Monday morning.

—Yesterday noon Mrs. Mary Burdick was very low.

—Sheriff Davis has a three week's story running in the MINER.

—J. C. Hamlin has had his hardware store prettily repapered.

—The miners of Clermont are at work again after a month's lay off.

—J. L. Belfry has a letter awaiting him at the Smethport postoffice.

—N. D. Rumsey has laid a new walk on his property on Cemetery street.

—The roads in this section of the county are very discouraging to wheelmen.

—The W.C.T.U. matter and other correspondence were crowded out this week.

—Mrs. Mary Backus has had erected a fine chicken park back of her residence.

—The I. O. O. F. hall has been finely carpeted by L. Koenig. It is very good work.

—The Travelers Club entertained their friends at the M. E Chapel last Tuesday night.

—Geo. Ramsey now drives a very stylish team. It is very neat and attractive.

—A pole route from this place suffered decided damage by the first of the week. See page 21—25.

—The Potter Commandry of Coudersport will observe Ascension Day at Ulysses, Pa., May 27.

—Street Commissioner Anderson is putting a new tile on Mechanic street near the iron bridge.

—Watch for the double column display announcement of the Fourth of July celebration in next week's MINER.

—Dan Seeley, formerly of this place, has moved to Port Allegany where he will open a photograph gallery.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Tanner of East Smethport are the proud parents of a baby boy which arrived last Saturday.

—Jacob Morrison has had an addition erected on his barn. O. T. Chase & Son of East Smethport did the work.

—The I. O. O. F., were in session at Williamsport this week. It is claimed that 300 delegates were in attendance.

—The young people taking part in the cantata for the concert are requested to meet at the opera house at 3 p. m., for rehearsal.

—A. D. Armstrong has been appointed local correspondent for the United States Dept of Agriculture. A good selection.

—The regular monthly supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society at the M. E. chapel next Tuesday evening from 5 to 8.

—Mr. Sticklen has laid a substantial walk in front of his property on Mechanic street, and has also improved the drainage.

—The ball meeting will be held at the Grand Central Hotel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All interested in ball are invited.

—Wetherbee & Co. are erecting a derrick on the George Finley farm on Open Hill. This will be located near one of their gas wells in this section.

—The lawn around the Swedish Lutheran church on Fulton street has been put in excellent condition and adds greatly to the appearance of the property.

—The members of the Epworth League presented a very interesting program at the M. E. church last Sunday evening. There was a large audience in attendance.

—The Hussey property on Mechanic street was sold last Wednesday by Rev. Ewer, administrator of Rev. Galbraith's estate, to Ed Hungerford. Consideration $800.50.

—Dr. Taylor has returned home from Tioga. Ed thinks Tioga is a great place. He further states that John Lafferty is getting along finely with the contracting.

—Harry E. Freeman, who was formerly located at Johannesburg, South Africa, is sending his remittance for the MINER. orders it sent to Komatirport, South Africa Republic.

—The Daughters of Rebekah held a three days' session at Williamsport this week. It was their eighth annual convention. Large delegations from all sections of the State were present.

—General Order, No. 1 G. A. R. appointing 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday, May 23d for services at the Baptist church has been changed by request of the W. R. C. to 3 o'clock p. m.

—The Bradford Era of Wednesday says "Hon. C. W. Stone has named F. H. Reed for post master at Clermont this county." The MINER offers congratulating to Mr. Reed.

—The little building adjoining the Backus building formerly occupied by J. R. Watkinshaw has been receiving some repairs and will be occupied by P. J. Duffy as a tailor shop.

—Miss Tillie Ellingsfeld received a State diploma having passed the common branches of the Colegrove Graded School. Miss Ellingsfeld was the only one of the class to receive a diploma.

—The latest issue of the Fraternal News contained excellent half-tone cuts of Rev. G. W. Halliwell of Kane and Prof. C. B. Kelly of Port Allegany. Both are fine and as natural as life.

—The W. N. Y. & P. R'y will run an excursion to Niagara Falls on Monday, May 31, for the low rate of $2.25 for the round trip. This is the first of the season and no doubt will be well patronized.

—The many Swedes in this section will have their thoughts turned to the old fatherland this week owing to the exposition that opened in Stockholm Saturday, being the 25th anniversary of King Oscar's reign as ruler of Sweden and Norway.

—Harper's Weekly of May 22 will contain elaborately illustrated articles on "The Historic Churches of America," by T. M. Prentice; on "Another Theory about Mars," by Garrett P. Serviss; and on the Greco-Turkish and the Cuban wars.

—A 4-year-old child named James Gaberian died at Lewis Run at an early hour yesterday morning of diphtheria. The remains were privately interred in St. Bernard's cemetery in the afternoon. The parents of the child are Italians—Record.

—Dr. J. C. Brown accompanied Jerry Burns to Buffalo where Burns will enter the hospital for treatment. Burns sometime since drank something from a bottle which burned his mouth and throat so severely that his life was dispaired of for a long time.

—J. M. Field of Port Allegany and Miss Mattie E. Becker of Lodgedale, Pa.; Chas. H. Strasmore and Miss Ella E. Plstner both of Kane; Peter Flanigan of Ceres and Anna Mary Cody of Sartwell were all granted marriage licenses this week.

—An exchange says that the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. will be extended from Oswayo, Potter county, to Olean, N. Y. This will be of great advantage to the many people living along the Oswayo Creek as it is the only natural outlet for that section of the country.

—The side walk near the cemetery is in a very bad condition as well as the steps inside of the inclosure. The necessary repairs ought to be made before Decoration Day. Our cemetery is a beautiful place and should have proper attention. It is to be hoped the committee will attend to this matter.

—Last Monday night at the opera house after the commencement exercises were over and the faculty had gone home the young people concluded to wind up the happy event by an impromptu dance and dance they did with the happy abandon of youth with no cares to mar the pleasant moments that were passing.

—The well that is being drilled at the headwaters of Chatam Run, Gallagher township, Clinton county, is down to the depth of 2867 feet, says the Clinton Republican. The drill will be kept going until it penetrates the earth 3500 feet. This is the well on which Ghordie Oviatt and others from here worked.

—The baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. T. R. Taylor at the Baptist church last Sunday, although hurriedly prepared, was said to be one of the finest pulpit orations that has been delivered here in a long time, by those who were so fortunate as to be present. Mr. Taylor is winning golden opinions from his many admirers here.

—Report reached here yesterday that a railroad accident had occurred Tuesday forenoon at Nelson Run, Potter county, on the Buffalo and Susquehanna, R. R., caused by a freight train running into an open switch. Engineer Jas. Mitchell was quite severely injured by jumping from his engine. John Krepps, brakeman, was killed. All the rest escaped without injury.

—The celebrated Costello divorce suit wherin the husband, John Costello, has sued twice in the Potter county courts to be separated from matrimonial bonds with his wife, Sarah C. Costello, will be tried again. This time the wife sues for a seperation from her husband. Alleged causes for separation—abandonment, cruelty, inhuman treatment and non-support. She also asks for the custody of the children.

—The L. O. T. M., of this place held a very enjoyable review on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Annie E. Gifford was elected delegate to the Grand Hive which meets in Oil City, June 7, 8 and 9. After all business of the meeting was over a fine lunch was served. A number of distinguished visitors were present. Eighteen applications for membership were presented, which shows that Brown Hive is flourishing.

—Hamlin Park will need some repairs if we are going to have any ball games there this season. The fence at the northwest corner is down for a long distance. The cattle have been running over the ground during the wet spell and made the ground very rough. The wire netting on the grand stand is partly down. Coudersport and Roulette have put on their base ball spurs and will be after Smethport's scalp with a vim.

—Last Tuesday afternoon, Ralph Carlton, the youngest son of Rev. Sanborn, aged 4½ years, while playing on the basement stairs at his father's residence fell down three of the steps and fractured his right fore-arm just above the wrist. The little chap stood the injury like a Trojan. He was taken to the office of Doctors Clark and Hamilton. These gentlemen soon reduced the fracture and in a few days the little chap will be all right again.

—The MINER man is under obligations to F. E. Baldwin and H. D. Caskey of Austin for favors rendered while in the hemlock city last Friday night. Mr. Baldwin has secured a lucrative practice and seems to be a general favorite with all the residents of the burgh. Mr. Caskey is the post master besides having one of the neatest newspaper offices in this neck of the woods. Fortune seems to be smiling on the above mentioned gentleman their esteemed companions.

—Last Monday afternoon Garth Rumsey had a rather exciting time for a moment or two and a narrow escape from serious injury. He drove the 'bus team over to William Hafner's store to deliver a trunk. In attempting to turn around the wheel caught the iron on the side of the box and the heavy bus was upset catching Garth's right leg between the whiffletree and the sloping dash board. By some lucky move he managed to extricate himself and stopped the team. It was a very fortunate escape.

—A concert is to be given in the opera house on June 3. Mrs. Duffield's singing school pupils, Ed King, and D. Mrs. Daniels, Dr. Dunham, Jr. The press notices speak highly of Mrs. Mallette's rendition of these superb works. A specially trained quartette, consisting of Misses Dibble, Wright and Gallup and Mrs. Mallette and a chorus of our girls and boys will also participate. We understand that Mr. Mallette is engaging a fine pianist for the occasion. Tickets on sale at all the drug stores at 35 cents and a limited number of reserved seats at 50 cents.

—The New York State league opened the season last week. Our own Tull was in the box for Lyons against Palmyra and allowed them but four hits. Aside from his excellent pitching he bumped the ball in a manner that alarmed the inhabitants. The Lyons newspapers speak highly of Tull and there is no question but what he deserves all the praise he is receiving. From the tone of the Rochester papers it is evident that the baseball magnates of that city are very sorry they let Tull go and well may they mourn for "baseballisticalle" speaking Tull is a winner.

—Last Monday Prof. W. P. Eckels and his able corps of assistants closed the best term of school that has been taught in this borough for a long time. For the past three terms the schools had not been conducted on a well regulated basis. Difficulties had frequently arisen to mar the harmony and good order thereof, but under Prof. Eckels no such difficulties appeared. Each scholar seemed to vie with the others as to who would succeed in securing the most credit for deportment. The faculty, scholars and parents are to be congratulated on the successful termination of the school.

—Last Sunday morning about 2 o'clock four men got into a drunken brawl at Bradford. Their names were Jack Butler, "Buck" White, Delair and Story. They were out for a time and carried their own hog poison. Delair and White got into a fight. White was getting the best of his man when Butler and Story came up and gave White a beating. Peace was restored by shaking hands. White's best girl observed the fracas from a building near by and coming on the scene slipped a revolver into White's hand. He turned and fired twice at Butler who fell at the second discharge. The bullet grazed his temple. He will recover. White escaped.

—Miss Amelia, daughter of C. M. and Augusta Hendrickson, who reside on Centre street died yesterday morning at 10:30. Miss Hendrickson has been an invalid ever since she was five months old. On the 8th of this month her condition became suddenly worse and she fell into a deep sleep, in which state she remained until yesterday morning, never having awakened. A few moments before dying she opened her eyes and calling each member of the family by name and bade them a last farewell. The funeral services will be held from the Swedish Lutheran church on Monday at 3 p. m. Interment will be made at Oak Hill cemetery.—Bradford Sunday Herald.

—Last Thursday while waiting between trains at Galeton the MINER man called on his old friend, J. O. Edgecomb, proprietor of the Hotel Edgecomb, and was greatly surprised at the marvelous change that had been made in that popular hostelry. The house has been remodled throughout, another story added and the whole house fitted up with all modern conveniences such as bath rooms, closets, etc. The rooms are all elegantly furnished throughout. His dining room service is most excellent and his tables are loaded with the most palatable food found on the market, including trout and venison in their season. There is not a more comfortable home for the traveling man or those seeking recreation, in the northern, tier than Hotel Edgecomb at Galeton.

A Happy Event.

Last Saturday night about 50 of the most intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth gathered at their pleasant home at the corner of Union and Water streets, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of the wedded life of that happy couple.

The house was beautifully decorated with flowers. The bride wore her wedding dress, which was white henrietta and silk. We will not attempt to describe the groome costume, but simply say he presented a fine appearance and looked happy.

The guests did not confine themselves strictly to gifts of woodenware, but interspersed them with tokens of fine china and silverware.

Mrs. Hogarth made the occasion doubly interesting by devising conundrums for each of her guests which made a very interesting pastime. Cards were indulged in by those who felt so disposed. All unite in pronouncing it one of the most pleasant occasions of the kind they had ever attended.

The MINER tenders congratulations over the happy event and hopes that as each succeeding year rolls around it may prove happier than the one preceeding until they reach the diamond anniversary.

Death of Frank Cantwell.

Died on Newell Creek near Sartwell last Monday, Frank Cantwell, aged 21 years and 7 months. His death was caused by necrosis of the right leg above the knee, after great suffering for over 10 months.

He had been taken to the hospital at *Buffalo only to be brought back without* any relief being obtained. Everything that loving friends and relations could do was cheerfully performed for the sufferer, but without avail. He was a young man of exceedingly bright prospects, highly respected by all, as was evidenced by the immense crowd that attended the funeral. It is claimed that there were over 100 carriages in line. Rev. Cosgrove of Sartwell officiated, the services being held at that place Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment in the Catholic cemetery. The parents of the deceased survive him together with six brothers and two sisters who all reside in the vicinity of Newell Creek, except Mrs. Ed Hungerford of this borough and Thomas Cantwell of Battlesburg, Miss.

Select School.

I will, on June 1st, open a select school with forenoon sessions. Tuition, 50 cents per week. For further particulars call on or address

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CONGRESS.

[illegible] Kane High School [illegible] with credit to the school and [illegible] house on Monday night.

Last Monday was a gala-day for the pupils of the Smethport High School, closing as it did a very successful school term under Prof. Eckels and his able assistants.

Commencement exercises were held in Kittredge opera house in the evening. The stage was neatly decorated with evergreen and the accustomed red, white and blue, while around the front were rows of beautiful plants and flowers. Over all hung the motto, "Vincit, qui se vincit."

Prof. Eckels spoke briefly that the order in which the essays were to be read had nothing to do with class work and was no indication of the pupil's superior standing. "Welcome Friends" was well rendered after which Rev. Sanborn opened with prayer.

Miss Nellie Musser was the first essayist, and, in "Young America," she sketched with a touch of classic grace the many trials and triumphs of our country from its humble beginning, 400 years ago, to her proud leadership to-day in the sisterhood of nations. She dwelt on the material development of America, as necessarily prior to her literary growth and culture. To break the stubborn glebe, to subdue vast forests, to found seats of learning that would usher in the dawn of future civilization demanded other instruments than the polished pen of the author. Yet in those days of toil we could boast an Edwards and an Elliott, whose sturdy genius stands out in bright relief against the darker background of colonial history. Her comparisons with the older nations of the east made one proud to be an American. China, as a nation, has for centuries outlived her usefulness, Syria is matter of history and England's power is waning before the onward march of her foster children. Truly may we say with Motley, "The orb of civilization * * * seems predained from east to west." The writer dated our real literary advancement after the close of the revolutionary war, when we had settled into distinct national life, and named some of that brilliant array of authors whose works have enriched language and added to the happiness of man. And the promise of a fair future lies before us, not that of ancient Rome in whose accumulated wealth her historian laments the "last vestage of expiring liberty," but a strong and vigorous manhood destined to go ever onward and upward as the years pass by.

Miss Verna Hafner's essay on "Electricity" was prophetic. She reviewed the progress made in this interesting science during the past two decades and called attention to the more important results of recent discoveries in which this mysterious force of nature plays so important a part. Our own Franklin, said the writer, has conferred inestimable benefit upon society by his studies in this line. Morse, by his application of the electric fluid to the transmission of messages, has annihilated space and united in the common bonds of brotherhood the most distant people. The word "foreigner" has lost its meaning, strangers there are none. Seated in his office in Chicago the railroad magnate, the merchant or banker can superintend his business and direct the operation of his men at either side of the continent. Truly "What hath God wrought?" The touch of a button in New York starts the furnaces of the Mississippi valley; the loom and the spindle answer to the call and thousands of busy workmen move to the pressure of this mysterious current. Yet is it utilized in other ways. Light has come out of darkness. The surgeon no longer probes in vain for the hidden bullet; the magic ray has removed many of the world's evils; it has lifted the burden of man's toil and placed the children of today ten centuries in advance of their fathers. We are on the eve of a new departure, though the writer. Evidently the day is not far distant when the science of electricity shall have disclosed to us dreamed of possibilities. May we not hope that war is well nigh robbed of its carnage and pestilence of its terrors.

Next came Miss Mary Ryan, whose treatment of "Education" was bright and scholarly. With admirable force of reasoning she sustained the ground that one should know something of everything and everything of something. To learn is to broaden the field of intelligence, and to live in harmony with the works of one's environment. It is not the man with a hobby, nor he who views the universe through the dim light of one idea, who may claim the consideration of his fellow man. Ours is an age of advancement. The search-light of philosophy is turned in every direction and he who keeps abreast of the times must view things in their relation to others. Are not first principles general? And who ever hoped for success in special lines without a large information of general laws drawn from the many avenues of learning that are open to investigation? General knowledge unlocks the doors of progress and gives us to choose between a variety of conditions. We learn what to accept, what to reject; we loose that Chinese cast of mind which thinks nothing exists beyond the walls of its own little environment. The writer spoke of narrowness as the legitimate off-spring of small experience and exclusive learning. What a world of wisdom is shut out from such a one. Is it strange that he cannot see who does not look beyond his little world? The Dutch ambassador was unable to convince the King of Siam that water was sometimes congealed into a solid mass. We have no doubt the lordly potentate thought Siam was the world, and, therefore, refused to believe what experience had not taught. But people live and think and there may exist in the broadened intelligence of man thoughts and philosophy of which the narrow exclusionist never dreamed. Miss Ryan's essay should have been heard to be appreciated.

Last came Miss Josie Holder who was more than charming in the choice of her "Heroes," not the gladiator of the little areas, not the half poetic hero of adulatory, whose mythical exploits delighted the children of chivalry; but the real hero of the hearth and home, he, who, in the silent walks of life and all unknown to the world, may be bearing the brunt of battle more bravely than any whose names are written high in the temple of fame. Her essay disclosed nice discrimination of greatness as exhibited in different stations of life. The proud old Roman felt his manhood when he said: "If my office does not honor me, I, sires, will honor my office." The names of Grant and Washington must, of course, endure so long as liberty is cherished, and their lives should be an inspiration and guide to young Americans; but should hero-worship make us forgetful of those who have sacrificed their own dearest interests that others might be happy? Shall we never think of the brave sailor who is the last to leave his stranded vessel, the noble engineer who goes down to duty's call beneath the wheels of his iron horse, John Maynard, of matchless remembrance? The writer illustrated her position with pointed and happy examples. Her hero to the new woman was received with much zest. Her conclusion was most appropriate, voicing as it did the sentiment of Christendom.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Myrtle Gillard is visiting friends at Kane.

Thomas Clark visited his family at Austin Sunday.

H. L. Burlingame visited Mt. Jewett Tuesday.

Carl Sasse transacted business in Olean Saturday.

W. J. Milliken of Bradford was in town Wednesday.

Al Hughes visited the mountain city of Kane Monday.

P. J. Duffy paid a visit to his family at Olean Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly visited Olean and Buffalo Wednesday.

Junius R. Clark of Philadelphia attended court Wednesday.

George Olmsted of Glen Hazel paid his brothers a visit Sunday.

Miss Belle Abbey of Olean was the guest of her parents over Sunday.

Fred Silfies of Clermont was greeting old friends in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Isabelle Murgittroyd of Eldred was a visitor at the hub Monday.

Will and John Doyle were in town transacting business last Monday.

J. C. Hamlin went to Olean to meet his grandson from New York yesterday.

Sheriff J. F. Davis, wife and daughter, Inaly, went to Bradford last Tuesday.

Geo. Griffiths and Wm. O'Connor of Kane were here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Sanborn returned home from Clifton Springs last Wednesday night.

Coroner E. K. Sherman of Bradford was a guest at the Wright House Tuesday.

Misses Ruth Oviatt and Bessie Allen started last Monday to attend school at Clarion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wells were enjoying the sights of Buffalo the first of the week.

Mrs. Andrew Reilly is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Greer, at Kane this week.

Mrs. M. B. Greer and daughter, Sarah, of Kane visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Lena Dickinson of Norwich attended the commencement exercises Monday night.

Attorneys H. E. Shaffer of Kane and H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett attended court Monday.

Miss Maud Shoemaker came from Buffalo Saturday for a two weeks visit with her parents.

Miss Elida Wright has been visiting her sister, Miss Lucy, at Fredonia, N. Y., for a week.

Scott Redfield and Charles McCoy were taking in the sights of Olean Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha K. Kane of Kushequa autographed at the Wright House on Tuesday.

M. J. Gallup, the banker from Mt. Jewett, was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday.

Ben Applestein, a prominent merchant of Mt. Jewett, transacted business in town Wednesday.

T. D. Nash attended the meeting of the Democratic county committee at Bradford last Monday.

Pat Kilday of Eldred was in town Wednesday. He reports a first class business at his new hotel.

County Commissioner Lemuel Davis visited Kane Sunday. He was after some pure mountain air from a higher altitude.

M. M. Gillett, an attache of the Geological Department at Washington, D. C., was calling on friends in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Mayo and Miss Moses of Eldred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mayo on upper Main street on Wednesday.

Miss Alice McCoy came home from Binghamton last Wednesday morning. Miss Agnes will arrive from the south next Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Stickles went to Buffalo Monday where she will enter the general hospital for treatment. May she meet with speedy recovery.

H. C. Rich of Buffalo and H. C. Rich of Randolph, N. Y., of the Rich Lumber Co. at Cardeau, were transacting business in town Wednesday.

W. L. Holeman, master mechanic of the Renovo railroad shops and grandson, Holman Carter, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ryan last Sunday.

H. W. Rubin started last Monday night for Williamsport. He was a delegate from Smethport Lodge. The Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. met at Williamsport Tuesday.

Editor Lallthidge was over from Port Allegany Monday. He has assumed Bryan appearances again by shaving off the bivouac appendage which has adorned his upper lip. We are inclined to think that he will be compelled under the circumstances to drop the editorial pen and the wig for he presents such a clerical appearance that he can scarcely escape taking orders.

Mrs. R. C. Burdick went to Norwich last Tuesday to visit her grandfather, Ira Burdick. Ralph will go up to-day. He expects to have excellent luck fishing tomorrow as he has ordered a new kind of bait from Syracuse, known as rubber bait. It is claimed to be a perfect imitation of bugs, flies, snapping turtles or any others kind of bait. The trout market will now be overstocked.

Colegrove Graded School.

The Colegrove graded school closed a very successful term last Friday. Two entertainments were given, one at Colegrove Thursday evening and one at Grantzer's Hall, Crosby, on Friday night. A house filled from stage to door with most appreciative audiences greeted each performance. The primary department gave an hour's exhibition of gymnastic exercises, songs, dialogues and recitations. The little people pleased the audience immensely and elicited much applause. This was followed by the singing and performing of the beautiful cantata "The Flower Queen," by the pupils of the grammar room, assisted by Misses Eva Gallup and Julia Rife of Norwich, and Miss Olive Shadman of Duke Centre.

The young ladies representing the flowers, dressed in white empire gowns and each tastefully decorated with her particular flower, when together upon the stage were truly a lovely sight. The closing tableau, showing thirty young people representing sleeping flowers in a forest dell, with green lights flashing upon them, was very beautiful. All the performers did excellently and the evenings will long be remembered. The weather, which was so disagreeable during the week, fortunately brightened up opportunely both evenings.

The Crosby band which rendered some fine new music, Fred Grantzer who generously gave the hall, free of charge, and N. W. Heinemann, whose ponderous team drew immense loads of school children and others back and forth between Colegrove and Crosby, all contributed to the success of the entertainments.

Mr. and Miss Shadman, who sang prominent parts, the latter presiding at the organ, are to be congratulated upon the success of their undertaking. Thirty-four dollars were taken in at the doors and a fund for a school library thus established.

Opening of the Excursion Season.

On Decoration Day, Monday May 31, the W. N. Y. & P. R'y will run one their of popular excursions to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Train will leave Smethport at 9:20 a. m. Rate for the round trip, $2.25. Returning tickets will be good for passage on all regular trains Tuesday, June 1. Niagara Falls is always at its best during the early spring months when clothed in a fresh green foliage. May 31 will be a big day for Buffalo. In addition to the city's usual attractions there will be the great Lewis 25-mile bicycle road race, the Parkside wheel meet at the Buffalo Athletic Field, and an International game of ball between the Buffalo and Toronto league teams at Olympic Park. Bicycles will be checked free on the excursion train. Take your wheel and enjoy a ride over Buffalo's 200 miles of asphalt pavement and park boulevards.

There it some one in almost every neighborhood who is subject to attacks of pain in the stomach or bilious colic. Mr. J. B. Kinney, Warren Center, Pa., used to be troubled in that way. He says: "The attacks were marked by terrible pains, diarrhoea and fainting spells. At such times I suffered exceedingly until I began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, two or three doses of which effected an immediate and lasting cure. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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Have you a duster? If not see Lemmler and get one at prices that are right. 18 3t

Men's 50c hats for 25c. $1.50 Sewing chairs 75c. A. E. Stickles.

License Decisions.

The Court handed down the following last monday:

LICENSES GRANTED.

BRADFORD CITY.

Otto Gash, Oil City House.
Patrick McNamara, Corry House.
W. J. McDonell and J. N. Coleman, Pierce House.
Lewis A. Coleman and E. A. Coleman, Industry Hotel.
F. Mulqueen, Mansion House.
Fred Rockel, Union House.
J. C. Fox, St. James Hotel.
James H. Burns, Washington House.
Mary McBride, Option House.
Thomas Connecty and T. F. Connecty, Connecty Hotel.
A. E. Hurley, Bay State Hotel.
Morris Herron, Black Bear Hotel.
F. P. Holley, Bliddell House.
William K. Urquhart, Willard Hotel.
M. E. Hibbard, Henderson House.
J. L. Andrews, Imperial Hotel.
George A. Crooker, United States Hotel.
Eugene Peake, Akin House.
William Devine, Rochester House.
Jonas Artley, American House.
Edward Ryan and Patrick Keane, Tuna Valley House.

KANE.

John Fleming, New Fleming House.
Hugh F. McIntyre, Kane House.
Rick Donovan, Hotel Lamont.
John G. King, Griffin Hotel.
George Griffiths, St. Elmo Hotel.
B. F. Burgess, Centennial House.

SMETHPORT.

James McGuire, Grand Central Hotel.
B. F. Wright, Wright House.
Daniel Bacon, Chautauqua House.

MT. JEWETT.

John H. Derr and George M. Fenstermaker, Lunden House.
E. W. Long, Commercial Hotel.
Edgar C. Cleveland, Brower House.

PORT ALLEGANY.

Stephen C. Sartwell, Horton House.
Chester King, Bartwell House.
Andrew J. Connolly, Hotel Connolly.

ELDRED.

James McFarlin, St. Elmo Hotel.

MT. ALTON.

James Mahoney, Butts House.
John O'Connor, Davis House.

LEWIS RUN.

William L. Foster, Foster House.
Michael Woods, Bradford House.

CLERMONT.

H. A. Boyd and J. L. Smith, Bayer House.

GARDEAU.

Frank N. Taylor, Parker Hotel.

DUKE CENTRE.

J. B. Goodenough, Duke House.

NEW CITY.

D. W. Wright, Seager House.

SIZERVILLE.

W. Mulholland and J. Greice, Parker House.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

Walter E. Hayden, Mountain House.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LICENSES.

A. M. Mayer and M. Holland, No. 114 Main street, Bradford.
Louis Marck, No. 122 Main street, Bradford.
Bear Fordonski, No. 84 Main St., Bradford.
H. M. Plague, 108 Mechanic St., Bradford.
Frank J. Collins, 80 Main St., Bradford.
Thomas Delaney and John E. Healy, 9 Fraley street, Kane.
Charles Landon, Main St., Mt. Jewett.

BOTTLING LICENSES.

P. H. Davitt, 52-57 Mechanic St., Bradford.
S. S. Woodbury, 37 Mechanic St., Bradford.
Loren O. Horton, Railroad St., Eldred.
Frank B. Singer, Port Allegany.
Abe J. Warshofsky, Smethport.

LICENSES REFUSED.

H. S. Rice, Taylor House, Turtle Point.
A. H. Pierce, Pierce House, Smethport.
Wm. Bovaird, Jr., Bradford, restaurant.
John Murphy, Turtle Point, restaurant.
Joseph A. Conley, Eldred, wholesale.
Carl Egelin, Kane, wholesale.
J. Carrie and M. Holland, Kane, wholesale.
Keron Hanlon, Port Allegany, wholesale.
T. W. Beahan and F. C. Wightman, Bradford, bottlers.
J. T. Flaherty, Kane, bottlers.

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The Editor's Letter of Congratulations to Postmaster General Vilas Withdrawn [illegible] Because Reasons Which Appear in This Story.

Hilton Hobbs, the writer and author, and Senator Vilas were schoolmates in Madison 35 years ago, and they went from the schoolhouse to the war together. Hobbs thinks a good deal of the old schoolmate and is proud of the distinction he has won among the great men of his party.

When the special delivery stamp made its appearance, Senator Vilas, who was then postmaster general, received many complimentary letters, among them one from Hobbs. The rest of the story is best told by the author himself:

"When I wrote this letter of congratulation to the general, I hadn't had occasion to see or receive any of the stamps, but the idea seemed to me to be a good one. I was spending a week at home in Brooklyn at the time. One bitter morning about 8 o'clock I was awakened by what seemed to me to be the ringing of all the fire bells in Brooklyn. Shoving my head out of the second story window, I could see a muffled figure on the steps below jerking the bell with savage fury. 'What is it?' I called. At that moment the bell ceased broke, and the figure fell backward down the steps. The snow was falling deep, and the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour. As the figure rolled down the steps I could hear some choice specimens of explosive English in a peculiar accent, mingled with something about 'letter, special delivery.' After answering shrieks and bolts I opened the outer door, and the monsoon-like blow into the vestibule in a sheet of snow.

"'What is it? What have you got?'

"'Letter.'

"'What the Helen Blazes are you bringing a letter here for at this time of night?'

"'Special delivery, sir, please.'

"I hunted into the hall and slid my hand all over the wall, trying to find the matchsafe. The vestibule was full of snow, and I had commenced sneezing.

"'Come in and shut the door!' I yelled. Bang went the door and out went my match just as I had got the gas turned on. The messenger stamped up against me in the dark, stepped on my toes and shook a shovelful of snow off his shoulders about my feet, filling my slippers and dropping down my back. I finally succeeded in lighting the gas, signing the book, pushing the messenger out and bolting the door. Then I went up stairs with my prize. I examined the long blue stamp carefully. It was the first one that I had received. Then I devoted about five minutes to wondering what the dickens it was all about. After a time it occurred to me to open it and see. The handwriting was unknown, but the refrain was familiar. Here it is:

"'WASHINGTON, Wed., Jan. 25.

"'Hilton Hobbs, Esq.—

"'Dear Sir—You will doubtless be surprised on receiving this letter from an entire stranger. But I feel that I was born to be an actor. 'Twas but ill, I fear it, that early hair, blue eyes and brave played several parts with the [illegible] Society. I therefore write to you. My family objects to my putting on the stage, but I feel that it is my duty, and as I would only make a first class company my friends urged me to write to you. Should like to play lovers parts. Could you lend me $50? I can pay you back next week. Yours truly, ARTHUR JOHN.

"'(Please name—R. Forrest Mainotte.)

"'P. S.—The new special delivery stamp has just got here, and I just owe on to see how it works.

"'By the time I had finished reading this letter I had a chill. Three hours later I had such a cold that I could not open my eyes. I remained in my room for treatment for three days. On the fourth day I became convalescent, and the first labor I performed was the writing of the following letter:

"'BROOKLYN, Jan. 29.

"'Hon. B. F. Vilas, Postmaster General, Washington:

"'Dear Sir—Quite recently, in a moment of unparalleled confidence, I wrote you a letter complimenting you upon the brilliant stroke of genius made manifest in the promulgation of the special delivery stamp.

"'Since penning that letter my whole knowledge of the subject and opened my eyes to the [illegible] consequences likely to follow your [illegible] wisdom.

"'I desire to withdraw my letter and enter a protest against your making any use of the stamps on any account whatever. I may have occasion to write to you in the future. This need not prevent our being friendly, but because friendship and business the line must be drawn somewhere, and I choose, for reasons known to myself, to draw it at the 3 a. m. special delivery. Very truly yours,

"'HILTON HOBBS.'

"I sent the special delivery stamp from the Washington letter and pasted it on the envelope, and, inclosing both in another letter, I sent them to a friend in Washington with a few lines of explanation and instruction. The next stormy night my friend, following instructions, hired a special messenger, and at 3 p. m. he began ringing Postmaster General Vilas' doorbell. First a servant came, then the general's secretary, but the messenger was firm; he must see the general. Thinking probably that [illegible] had been declared in Haiti and a midnight session of the cabinet called, the general slipped on a ulster over his nightshirt and went down to the door. The messenger shoved the letter into his hand and bolted on a double [illegible].

"The obnoxious stamp has not been called in, but I had my revenge on the postmaster general."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Mother," said Boomerang Mike, "may I get my cold coffee?"

"Why," replied young Mrs. Torkins in tones of sympathy, "but you wait a few minutes and I'll put some in the kitchen stove and heat it for you."—Chicago Times.

Got More Than He Gave.

The London cab and omnibus men are noted for their smart and offensive replies to rebuke and reparties, of which the following is a good example:

One afternoon a westward going omnibus picked up a lady and gentleman about one of the heads of a cabman at Piccadilly. On pulling up, the omnibus was nearly collided with a heavy van. Like was the John's opportunity.

"You are a nice sort of a party to have the charge of the heads of families you are!" he shouted at the omnibus driver. "Why didn't you bring your machine out to help you 'old the horses on their feet?"

After a flash came the retort: "Bring my mother out indeed while there's such fools as yours knocking about the streets! But mind I don't want to have the old woman scared to death. She's been a good mother to me, she 'as."—London Fun.

A Record Hen.

A New York exchange reports as follows as Governor Morton's offer at Elizabeth dinner: This year the farm crop produced 800 acres, in four or five lots, the largest being 61 acres. It was cut by a patent harvester, which divides the stalks and ties them with string. The bundles are carried to the barn on [illegible] and put up by a machine which [illegible] them in from minutes and carried by elevators into three stories of hay [illegible], to supply 600 cattle during the winter. The cattle is run by steam, the fodder by horsepower. Eighteen horses were employed and 45 hands, including 20 farmers, 15 carpenters, 3 engineers, 1 boy to hold horses in center and 1 engineer.

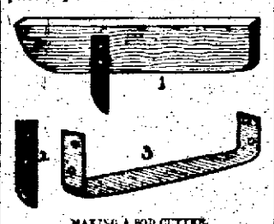
As early as the days of Alexander II of Scotland a dress which he wished to go to and on a dress was declared to be the [illegible]

GOOD SOD CUTTER.

It Cuts Rapidly and the Sod Is of Uniform Thickness.

A sod cutter to use with a horse which cuts rapidly and furnishes sod of uniform thickness is a desirable implement. It is within the reach of every man having ordinary ability in the use of tools. A correspondent of Ohio Farmer provides the model. Here is the illustrated description:

To construct this cutter, procure a piece of pipe or oak 2 inches thick by 6



MAKING A SOD CUTTER.

inches wide and 7 feet long. Cut in the center and shape one end of each piece like Fig. 1. For the top use a piece of pine 2 inches thick, 14 inches wide and 3 feet long. Spike or fasten the top board firmly to the side pieces or runners as though making a sled, as in Fig. 4. It will require two steel cutters about 8 inches long and firm enough to be substantial, like Fig. 2, and a steel cutter (3), the bottom to be flat and about 1½ inches wide, the length of which must be width of sled, but which must be fastened to the sled on an angle so that one knife or cutter which is fastened upright in front will be in advance of the other.

The cutter must be made of good steel, with stout upright ends and well bolted to the sides so it will project below the bottom of the runners about 2½ inches or whatever thickness is deemed best to cut the sod. Have it well sharpened across the width. Place the two upright knives, well sharpened, just in advance of the uprights of the knife or cutter, allowing their points to project half an inch below the cutter bar. Fig. 4 shows the cutter complete, with the bottom up. Rings can be put in front and a short chain attached to hitch the horse to.

In cutting, drive straight and stand on the cutter over the knife. It is best to cut a strip crosswise at each end of the strips and remove it, and there will be less trouble to start it each time. By

CUTTER COMPLETE, BOTTOM UP.

using a spade that is sharp to follow and cut off the lengths it is easy to get any sized piece that may be desirable to handle. The whole expense of such a cutter ought not exceed $1, and if well made will last a lifetime.

A Mistaken Idea.

Many farmers hold to the mistaken notion that fertilisers must be used alone. Every fertilizer manufacturer nowadays, however, is wise enough to advise farmers to utilize every possible source of manure or compost on the farm before buying fertilizers. One great advantage of commercial fertilizers is that they can be used to supplement manures or compost, being positive and quick acting, while the latter are slower and more uncertain. Many a man who ignorantly declaims against commercial fertilizers as costly and unprofitable pays two or three times what it is worth for the city stable manure he prizes so highly. The price of that stuff has been too high for years. Many market gardeners about Boston, New York and Philadelphia find that the money they used to pay for city manure will buy several times as much plant food in the higher grade brands of fertilizers, according to The New England Homestead.

Beekeeping and Fruit Growing.

In many sections beekeeping is considered a necessary adjunct of fruit growing, because of the assistance of the bees in fertilizing the blossoms. Some orchardists have borrowed colonies during the season of bloom, getting the use by paying the cost of transfer from and to home again and a trifle more. Many New Jersey fruit growers are said to have benched colonies of bees in their orchards. Don't spray when the blossoms are open if you have bees.

News and Notes.

A systematic rotation planned with reference to the matter is suggested as a general preventive against wire worms.

There are 54 experiment stations in the United States.

Considerable interest is manifested in beet sugar by farmers in many states of the Union.

It is said that the new stock food will keep as well as wheat bran. It is named the new corn product.

Winter wheat is reported winter killed to some extent in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, but its condition is not discouraging in Ohio and is generally promising in Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Spring wheat is doing well in Kansas and Iowa is to increase her acreage in this cereal.

The 1897 crop of maple sugar and sirup is a full one except in Ohio and parts of Pennsylvania.

The Farm Journal declares that the time has come when it will pay to breed good horses.

Rural New Yorker says: "We have grown potatoes on the same plot for at least 15 years, using a high grade of potato fertiliser only as food. The last crop was as heavy as any previous crop."

There is plenty of old hay in sight.

English and American Skaters.

It has been said that there are no skaters on ice in the world as graceful as the American girls. This may be due in a measure to the difference in method between the skating of the girl of the new world and her English sister, but be the cause what it may the truth of the assertion still holds. An essential feature of the English method is to skate with a straight knee, which cannot be accomplished to the letter and at the same time give the graceful, easy stroke which is so noticeable a characteristic of the American skater. It cannot be said, however, that the women of the old country are as prone to adopt this method as the men, and there are in England today some really fine skaters. Englishmen as a rule execute their movements on the ice on a grand scale. They appear to be flying rather than merely glidingly over the surface of the ice, and some of their strokes are really marvels of strength and skill; one stroke frequently carrying the skater the entire length of the rink. The American skater, however, takes the stroke with a slightly bended knee and then, coming up to the straight knee movement, makes a most easy and graceful appearance.—Washington Post.

Unavoidable.

"That was a very queer poem on 'The Three Ages of Man' you published in your paper this morning," said the man who happened in. "The general understanding is that there are seven ages of man."

"It was written 'The Seven Ages of Man,'" explained the worried Sunday editor, "but I had to cut it down to three on account of a lack of space."—Chicago Tribune.

One pound of learning requires for ignorant persons a ton of common sense to apply it.—Southern Patriot.

COURSING LIZARDS.

The Amusement of a Texas Ranger In the Arizona Desert.

In St. Nicholas Wolcott Le Clear Beard writes of "Moses, a Tame Eagle," which was one of his pets while he was engaged in engineering in southern Arizona. Mr. Beard says he was very fond of the lizards with which those plains abounded, and one large variety, called swifts, from their remarkable speed in running, seemed to be specially covered.

Whenever one of these was caught, which was not often, Moses would be brought out, and, after the swift had taken a ten foot start, would be set free. The lizard would promptly resolve itself into a white streak across the desert, and, screaming with excitement, half running, half flying, Moses would pursue, followed by the laughing crowd, of which only those on horseback had much chance of keeping up. It was in no sense a cruel sport. It amused Moses and us and didn't hurt the swift, for he got away every time, and if the feelings of our pet were a trifle injured as he returned, perched on some one's wrist or saddle horn, from his fruitless hunt, these were speedily soothed by the prompt gift of a nice bit of fresh beef, so no one was the worse. The lizards, however, he seemed to view as a sort of dessert, and as he could absorb an unlimited quantity they were always in demand.

A certain stick kept on the veranda of our office was generally under his eye, and when any one picked this up and started for a walk across the desert Moses would hop gravely along behind, sure that some of his favorite dainties would soon be forthcoming.

Of course Moses was perfectly well able to catch the smaller kinds of lizards for himself, but there was less exertion in allowing some one else to do it for him, and exertion at this period of his life was a thing to which Moses was violently opposed. These occasions were almost the only ones when he would be silent for any length of time, for he seemed to understand perfectly that at the first note of his voice every lizard within hearing would run for its life to the nearest refuge, and only when a blow of the stick failed for the second or third time to reach its mark would he give utterance to his deep disgust at such clumsiness.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Themes Which Men and Women Discourse About on Street Cars.

A certain physician of this city, who never neglects an opportunity to study the traits of the people among whom his business takes him, has been making some observations recently that may serve as a basis for estimating the character of the average modern American.

"I have to travel on street cars a good deal," the physician said in explaining his course of procedure, "and I hear all kinds of people talk. A short time ago I thought I would keep a record of the words most frequently used within my hearing by people of all classes.

"I omit names, profanity and vulgarity, but otherwise this list, which represents one week's street car conversation, is absolutely correct. Here, then, is a summary of what married men talk about:

"Dollars mentioned within my hearing, 407 times; business, 295; money, 206; dollar, 194; stocks, 163; bonds, 152; job, 81; son, 63; daughter, 11; wife, 4; literature, 0; music, 0; art, 0.

"Married women: She, 409; party, 326; dress, 324; splendid, 216; dollars, 201; trimming, 187; cards, 151; prize, 151; society, 130; baby, 129; clothes, 84; weather, 62; rich, 60; lovely, 59; perfectly awful, 48; doctor, 43; medicine, 34; music, 6; literature, 0; art, 0.

"Young men, unmarried: Corker, 502; daisy, 467; girl, 416; beaut, 391; fairy, 306; winner, 302; stunner, 284; hummer, 251; dance, 104; party, 87; old man, 83; fight, 59; money, 72; dollars, 50; no good, 42; cigarette, 31; college, 1; literature, 0; music, 0; art, 0.

"Young women, unmarried: Lovely, 508; just perfectly lovely, 491; horrid, 476; gorgeous, 463; fellow, 409; engaged, 387; dress, 371; stunning, 352; love, 295; party, 291; wear, 284; she, 206; opera, 108; ring, 31; mamma, 28; papa; 16; music, 9; mother, 1; picture, 1; poem, 1; art, 1.

"I intend," concluded the doctor, "to pursue this subject further, and may be able to give additional figures that will be interesting."—Cleveland Leader.

Smiles Irradiate the Countenance

When those atrocious bodily troubles, chills and fever, dyspepsia, kidney or rheumatic disorders, yield, as they invariably do, to the benign action of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a remedy of comprehensive use, pure in composition and, unobjectionable to a delicate palate, and thorough in effects. Sick headache, loss of appetite, flesh and sleep, nasty heartburn, are among the physical annoyances obviated by the Bitters. They are in the nature of signals of distress displayed by a disordered stomach, liver and bowels, and disappear with the cause that produced them. But these signals should be heeded at once. Then the wholesome look of chronic ill health will speedily disappear, and vigor and comfort restore a cheerful aspect to the face. That faithful index to the condition of the system never fails to wear a look of sunshine when the Bitters are used to dispel the cloud.

Mr. Charles H. Wetzell of Sunbury, Pa., was so much pleased with a remedy that cured him of rheumatism that he made affidavit to the fact for publication as follows: "This is to certify that on March 11th I walked into Melick's drug store on a pair of crutches, bought a bottle Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammatory rheumatism, which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.

CHARLES H. WETZELL."

Sworn and subscribed to before me on Aug 10, 1894. WM. SHAPMAN, J. P.

Pain Balm is for sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or ruffoused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport Pa.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of Ironside City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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